wlers under the ;cheme of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units have been issued so far

(b) Deep sea • fishing industry is governed by the. guidelines issued by the Reserved Bank of India (RBI) for lending to the priority sector, Banks have to deploy at least 16 per cent of their outstanding advances towards direct agb iculture which includes fishing also.

The acquisitioi of trawlers was earlier financed by the Shipping Development, Fun,j Committee (SDFC). Presently the function is catered to by the Shipping Credit and Invest-ment Company of India Ltd. (SCICI).

Survey on Expert Prospects of Tobf ceo

1804. SHRI SUR1SH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was con ducted by the To >acco Board, Gun-tur in Andh'ra Pradesh, which shows a promising export market and if so, what follow-up acti >n has been taken or is proposed to bt taken in the mat ter; and

(b) what is the additional export potential of tobacco as per the above study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No market survey was conducted on un manufactured tobacco in recent, years by the tobacco Board. However, in 1979 a survey v as carried out in selected markets. Pursuant to that production of FCB Tobacco, in light soil areas has been revised and pro duction in black so [areas regulated; plant position gracing has been in troduced in the lig it soil areas of Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka; auctions have been introduced; ex port duty for unm; nufactured tobac co has been abolished; and contain-erisatinn «««•«"»»»- *.<V~J------>

(b) The survey did not make any specific recommendation on additional export potential.

Attack on Indians in Suva In FIJI

1805. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the ethnic Fijians ran through the streoti of Suva in an hour long rampage recently and attacked Indians and Indian-owned shops;

(b) of so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect Indians in Fiji.and their property?

. THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A gang of Fijian youths attacked some persons of Indian origin in Tailevu near Suva on the night of 29th June, 1987 and burnt a shop, a house and a car and damaged other buildings. The home of a person of Indian origin was also shot at in Sigatoka in the middle of the night.

(c) Government of India cannot directly intervene on behalf of the community of Indian origin whose safety and welfare is the responsibility of the authorities in Fiji. The Government of India has, however, taken diplomatic initiatives in order to mobilise international opinion in favour, *inter alia,* of enshring that no ethnic group in Fiji's multiracial society is discriminated against.

Permission to STC/MMTC for Export of What

1806. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given clearance to STC/ MMTC for the export of wheat linked with the import of edible oils nnd

(b) what is the quantity of wheat already exported alongwith it$_s$ price and the country to which it was exported;

(c) whether a proposal Or sale of wheat to Democratic people's Republic of Korea has been received and whether a private company has been authorised to negotiate in this behalf;

(d) if so, what is the net selling price and whether a,, commission would be payable to the private company on realisation of export proceeds from the buyers; and

(e) what is the commission in US dollars PMT payable to the company and what are the reasons for paying commision if it i$_s$ authorised only to negotiate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) STC and MMTC have been permitted "to export wheat at international price within a limited ceiling during 1987-88. The foreign exchange realised would facilitate import of edible oil.

(b) 5716 tonnes of wheat has been exported so far t$_0$ Nepal and 15650 tonnes to DPR Korea during 1987-88 at contracted prices.

(c) A contract has been signed with (M/s. Korea Cereals Export and Import Corporation for export of 1,00,000 tonnes of wheat for shipment during 1987-88.

(d) and (e) The price ha$_s$ been negotiated taking into account the prevailing international prices and other factors including cost of servicing the order. The commission is for securing the business at an attractive price and for co-ordinating the smooth implementation of contract..

Suspension of two General Managers of NTC in Ahmedabad

1807. SHRl RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two been suspended in Ahmedabad following investigations by CBI;

(b) what were the charges against them and whether a fraud in the purchase and transportation of coal has been unearthed.

(c) whether another fraud in the payment of medical bills has also been detected in the textile mills run by Gujarat NTC;

(d) whether investigations are also going on regarding deposit of Rs. 75 lakhs in a private chemical company and whether the money has since been recovered; and

(e) whether in view of large scale frauds and mismanagement of th€ mills, Government propose to set up a high power Committee to revamp the entire NTC organisation in Guja rat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THI MNISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRl S KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Bureau of Investi gation has registered a regular cas for reported misuse of the officia position in fraudulently increasim the frieght/contract rate of lignit transportation in respect of Miahs laxmi Textile Mills, Bhavnagar.

- (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Central Bureau of Invest: gation has filed a charge-sheet in thi connection in the Court of Specif Judge, Ahmedabad on 20-9-1985. N amount involved in this base has bee recovered so far.

(e) The Chairman-cum-Mg. Direct< of the Holding Company has bee asked to ensure appropriate actio against the guilty officers in the£ cases.

Closed Textile Mills in Gujarat

1808. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAI Will th" Minister of TEXTILES t pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that tt